



## Riverside County Suicide Prevention Coalition Engaging School Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 08.16.2022

Time: 3:00- 4:30 pm

### Attendance:

Dr. Jason Jones  
Andrea Deaton  
Sandy Awad  
Cherylyn Klemens

Nicole Watson  
Sophie Munoz  
Yaneisy Escalante

### I. Introduction & Welcome

#### Connection Before Content:(Name, Organization, and Once upon the time)

- Dr. Jones Introduced Himself and let the attendees introduce themselves.

### II. Objectives

- **Clarify our purpose as Subcommittee**

- Dr. Jones Shared the Engaging Schools Strategic Plan;

- **State Focus:**

- ✓ Increase connectedness between people, family members, and community
      - ✓ Increase the use of best practices for reporting of Suicide and promoter healthy use of social media and technology.
      - ✓ Increase detection and screening to connect people to services.

- **County Focus:**

- ✓ Universal
      - ✓ Selective
      - ✓ Indicated

- **Engaging Schools Sub-Committee Objectives**

- ✓ Standardize Policies and curriculum to promote school Connectedness and address suicide risk.
      - ✓ Implement programs that foster social and emotional Growth.
      - ✓ Develop and implement standardized suicide risk assessment tools and prevention plans.
      - ✓ Assist schools with the implementation of research-based trauma-Informed practices.

- **Reflect prior year's successes and challenges;**

- Dr. Jones opened a discussion about if (were or were not) previously involved in this

work, what have you seen as a barrier or strength regarding suicide prevention?

- Attendees shared their experiences about the barrier they faced:
  - ✓ Different communities' people do not have access to.
  - ✓ The topic of conversation (Suicide) itself, is neglected.
  - ✓ The Staff are few compared with the number of students.
- Also they shared about Successes:
  - ✓ The SPARE document is a powerful tool.
  - ✓ During the pandemic it has been a Renewal focus on mental health inside the schools.
  - ✓ Number of students who got engaged in training was fascinating.
- **Plan for Suicide Prevention Month.**
  - ✚ September 10, is World Suicide Prevention Day, and November 19 is the international survivor day from suicide loss.
  - ✚ Dr. Jones Suggested having QPR Training and Know the Signs Training during the month of September.
  - ✚ Dr. Jones shared an electronic newsletter created by his organization, which could be implemented for the Engaging School Sub-Committee during the month of September to connect people to our resources and to offer training through it.
  - ✚ Andrea Announced that will be an ASIST Training held in Rustin conference Center on Sep 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, open to the community, with no cost.
  - ✚ Nicole Watson and Operation SafeHouse are invited to a Peace From Chaos event in the City of Blythe to honor the life of a young man who did die by suicide on September 10.
  - ✚ Shout-out:
    - August 23-27 Kindness Korner at Riverside Public Libraries.
    - October 27, 2022 First Annual Summit for Suicide Prevention Coalition.
    - Some Useful resources;
      - ✓ 988 Community Partner Presentation  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CIPw7nbYAQ>
      - ✓ Bullying Prevention Conference  
<https://www.rmcharity.org/bullying-prevention-institute/2020-virtual-conference/>
      - ✓ Anti-Bullying Institute Monthly Newsletter  
<https://www.stopbullying.gov/>
      - ✓ PBIS training
      - ✓ <https://www.pbis.org/>
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### III. Next Meeting

- September 6, 2022